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MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Re: Application of Kazunari YAMAGUCHI, Yoichiro HORII, Youichi TAKAHAMA and Shinya NAGAI
METHOD FOR DETECTING ANTIBODY AND ANTIGEN FOR DETECTING BORNA DISEASE VIRUS
Assignee: **SYSMEX CORPORATION**
Our Ref. Q80490

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is the application identified above comprising thirty-seven (37) sheets of the specification, including the claims and abstract and nine (9) sheet(s) of drawings. **Copies of the executed Declaration and Power of Attorney and Assignment will be submitted at a later date.** Also enclosed is an Information Disclosure Statement and PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) and Statement to Support Filing and Submission in Accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.821-1.825.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total claims	<u>16</u>	-	<u>20</u>	=	x	\$18.00	=	\$.00
Independent claims	<u>3</u>	-	<u>3</u>	=	x	\$86.00	=	\$.00
Base Fee								\$770.00

TOTAL FEE **\$770.00**

A check for the statutory filing fee of \$770.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

Priority is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
Japan	2003-078898	March 20, 2003
Japan	2003-086490	March 26, 2003
Japan	2003-086491	March 26, 2003

The priority documents are enclosed herewith.

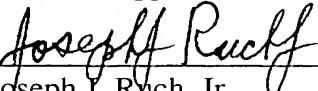


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Since the anniversary of the priority date fell on Saturday, the filing of this application on Monday, March 22, 2004 is sufficient to obtain the benefit of priority.

Respectfully submitted,
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